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PATENT: **Mail Stop AF**  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0590-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Taizo SHIRAI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2137  
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Application No.: 09/982,711 ) Examiner: Nadia Khoshnoodi  
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Filed: October 18, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 8666  
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For: INFORMATION RECORDING )  
DEVICE, INFORMATION )  
PLAYBACK DEVICE, )  
INFORMATION RECORDING )  
MEDIUM, INFORMATION ) **Mail Stop AF**  
RECORDING METHOD, )  
INFORMATION PLAYBACK )  
METHOD, AND PROVIDING )  
MEDIUM )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31**

Sir:

Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the  
Examiner's decision mailed April 26, 2006.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ A Petition for extension of time to respond to the final rejection was filed on [Date] extending the period for response to [Date].
2. ☐ A Petition for extension of time to further extend the period for response to [Date] is enclosed together with a fee of \$[Fee].
3. ☒ The Appeal Fee of \$500.00 ☒ is enclosed or ☐ is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.


4. ☐ A pre-appeal brief conference is requested. The request and supporting documentation are attached.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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